

TOPIC Soviet Troops in Perleberg

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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25X1 [REDACTED] 1. On 5 February 1952, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne 2 km west of Perleberg (N 54/T 70) was occupied by about 1,000 army troops. Two tanks, [REDACTED] 25X1
 25X1 [REDACTED] were seen moving out of, and armored scout cars [REDACTED] into, 25X1
 the installation. About 20 soldiers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets and were equipped with submachine guns, 4 light machine guns and 2 battery commander's telescopes, marched to the training field. On 29 January, 1 major and 15 E1 wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were 25X1
 seen marching from the Fliegerhorst Kaserne to the Artillerie Kaserne on Lindenstrasse. The soldiers carried training aids. [REDACTED] *

2. The Artillerie Kaserne on Lindenstrasse quartered 700 to 800 troops on 5 February. No heavy weapons were noticed in the billeting area. [REDACTED] 25X1

25X1 3. [REDACTED] from 21 January to 4 February, the units at the Perleberg post held night exercises and slept during the day. [REDACTED] 25X1
 25X1 [REDACTED] a sketch of Camp Dranse at the Wittstock-Schweinrich (N 54/U 21) troop training grounds, which bore symbols, allegedly representing AA gun emplacements, that had been entered on the sketch [REDACTED] 25X1

25X1 4. [REDACTED] 25X1
 [REDACTED] in January 1952 that Colonel Barabash (fnu), commanding officer of the unit in the installation, had gone on leave at the end of January. The acting commanding officer was a lieutenant colonel. Night exercises held by the troops were completed on 31 January. The troops who participated in these exercises had only light weapons, such as light machine guns, heavy machine guns on carriages with wooden wheels, 50-mm mortars and AT rifles. Daytime training was resumed on 1 February. The troops left the installation for the post training field at about 9 a.m. and returned to the installation at about 5 p.m. The troops wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and artillery insignia, and were equipped with light weapons. [REDACTED] T-34 tank, [REDACTED] JSU-122 SP gun and 25X1
 25X1 model BA-64 armored scout car [REDACTED] moved out with the troops on 1 and 2 February. ** On 31 January 1952, the Artillerie Kaserne was inspected by a general and a number of high-ranking officer, including Majors Isakov (fnu)

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and Afonin (fnu) of the Kech office in Schwerin (N 54/T 46), to determine the extent of reconditioning work to be done in the installation in 1952.

the officers billets in one of the barracks buildings were scheduled to house the telephone exchange which was located at 61 Reetzerstrasse and was under the command of Senior Lieutenant Stankov (fnu). The telephone exchange was subordinate to a unit in Schwerin. An officers' club was to be established in the headquarters building of the Artillerie Kaserne. *** Heavy weapons observed at the installation during the winter included: T-34, JS-2 and JS-3 tanks; JSU-122 SP guns; armored scout cars; and 76.2-mm field guns. No 120-mm mortars were seen at the installation after 26 October 1951. While in the billeting area, only one unit, under the command of Colonel Darabash (fnu), was stationed in the Artillerie Kaserne. All of the troops falling in in front of their quarters were reported to this colonel. **

5. General Inauri (fnu) was no longer seen in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne after mid-January 1952. In early January, the general had some boxes made for him. he was either transferred or went on leave. The general's deputy was Colonel Ananiyev (fnu), chief of staff. Units located in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne on 2 February were identified by the names of Lieutenant Colonel Pichonkin (fnu), Major Zorokin (fnu), Major Zachko (fnu), Major Babenko (fnu) and Lieutenant Colonel Drapachenko (fnu). The latter officer succeeded Lieutenant Colonel Pivovarov (fnu) who was identified with The soldiers of this unit wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Another unit of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia was identified in connection with Major Vasieliyev (fnu) and his adjutant, Lieutenant Zuyev (fnu). As the two latter officers regularly communicated between Perleberg and Ludwigslust (N 54/T 53), elements of the latter unit were also stationed in Ludwigslust. *

6. Between 22 and 24 January, the units in Perleberg conducted night exercises and slept during the day. The officers did not report for duty with their units until 6 p.m. The commander of the guard in the Artillerie Kaserne on Lindenstrasse was an officer who wore black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia. One of the officers in the installation was Lieutenant Colonel Salmin (fnu) who, had arrived only a few weeks previously and was allegedly acting commander of the troops in the installation. **

the Fliegerhorst Kaserne that there was no longer a general stationed there and that a colonel was in charge. Captain Khamikov (fnu), supply officer, said that the colonel's name was Ananyev (phonetic spelling) (fnu).

7. On 28 January, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Perleberg was occupied by a unit of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia.

8. On 28 January, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied to capacity by a unit of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and tank insignia. No training activity was noticed.

* Comment. The Fliegerhorst Kaserne is definitely believed to house the HQ 10th Recz Div and the division's unidentified signal battalion, and, probably, also the division's unidentified element. It probably

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quarters one or even two more units because the number of troops in the installation has been estimated periodically at 1,000 and 1,500. Major General A.N. Inauri has been carried before as the commanding general of the 18th Mecz Div. However, [redacted]

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[redacted] the general left Perleberg, the report by [redacted] in probability inasmuch as it stated that one General Inauri moved from the Schlossgartenviertel, Schwerin, to Coerries airfield in January 1952. It appears possible that Inauri may have been appointed commanding general of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps. Colonel Ananiyev (fnu), Inauri's deputy in Perleberg, and the so-called unit commanders identified in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne are known from previous reports. However, only some of these officers are believed to be in command of independent units. For example, Lieutenant Colonel Drapachenko, or Trapachenko (fnu), is known to be in command of Arty Unit [redacted] which, also according to a report [redacted] is possibly stationed in Perleberg as well as Ludwigslust. Major Vasieliev (fnu) and Lieutenant Kuyev (fnu) probably belong to this artillery unit. The assignment of the tanks and armored reconnaissance cars mentioned in paragraph 1 of the present report has not been determined.

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** [redacted] Comment. The Artillerie Kaserne is known to quarter only the 58th Mecz Regt of the 18th Mecz Div which [redacted] is commanded by Colonel Barabash (fnu). During Barabash's leave, Lieutenant Colonel Salnin (fnu), mentioned in paragraph 6, was probably acting commander of the unit. However, as the JS-2 and JS-3 tanks and the JSU-122 SP guns mentioned in paragraph 4 cannot be part of the equipment of the 58th Mecz Regt, and as there have been no other indications that heavy tank components of the division should be stationed in Perleberg, the observation of the aforementioned tank and SP guns is interpreted as an error [redacted]

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*** [redacted] Comment. Majors Izakov (fnu) and Afonin (fnu) were also identified [redacted] as belonging to the Kech office on Schlueterufer, Schwerin. The telephone exchange is possibly operated by personnel belonging to the headquarters signal battalion of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps in Schwerin.

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